

Kachchh, 5 pairs were incubating eggs and initiating nesting on April 17, 1986 (Taej Mundkur, *pers. comm.*, Naik *et al.* 1991). The present record confirms its occurrence at Porbander, where the possibility of its breeding cannot be ruled out.

During our visit in January and April, the whiskered tern and gullbilled tern were common, whereas the Caspian tern was seen occasionally. Our records of terns on Porbander coast support the view of Khacher (1996) that "our knowledge of terns, especially the migratory and more

marine ones is comparatively meagre and more information is needed."

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16. RED-WINGED CRESTED CUCKOO *CLAMATOR COROMANDUS*,
AN ADDITION TO THE AVIFAUNA OF ANAIMALAI HILLS (WESTERN GHATS)
OF TAMIL NADU

Raghupathy Kannan's 'Avifauna of Anaimalai Hills. (*JBNHS* 95(1): 193-214)' does not include the red-winged crested cuckoo (*Clamator coromandus*). I have recorded the species at Top Slip (Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary) in January 1996, in Erumai Pallam, close to the road leading to Parambikulam in the *Lantana camara* undergrowth. In February 1997, my friends Dr and Mrs Eric Lott had seen the bird in *Lantana camara* bushes in Karian Shola

near the watch tower at Top Slip.

The species probably occurs in small numbers in this area. In January 1998, Dr. and Mrs. Eric Lott and I recorded a single bird in Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala.

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